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Jack Clayton



Jack Rowan



Clayton, Rowan Named Coaches

Jack Clayton has been appointed head football coach and Jack Rowan has been named assistant coach to complete the 1957 football coaching staff at the College.

Clayton comes to Northwestern from Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, where he has been serving as head football coach since 1948. Rowan is from Shreveport where he served as head coach of Byrd High School.

Clayton and Rowan will take over their new duties on February 1. Clayton will also take over the duties of director of athletics on July 1.

Coaches Walter Ledet and Alvin Brown will continue as assistant coaches of football and will continue their work as track and baseball coaches, respectively. Both have produced outstanding teams in these sports. Ledet's track teams have won four straight Gulf States Conference championships.

The new head coach comes to Northwestern with a good record for the past nine years. His Hilltoppers posted 50 wins, 33 losses, and 2 ties for that period of time and were winners in seven of nine seasons. In 1952 Clayton brought Western Kentucky its first bowl championship when they defeated Arkansas State in the Refrigerator Bowl in Evansville, Indiana, following a 9-1 season. In 1954 his team tied an all-time Western record

when he won seven straight games.

Clayton began his career in the teaching profession in 1936 at Bossier High School and moved to Vivian in 1942. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1912-1916. He coached basketball at Centenary in 1946-47 and went to Western Kentucky as assistant football coach in 1947.

He is a native of Louisiana and finished high school at Haughton. He received his B. A. Degree at N. S. C. in Mathematics and Science in 1936 and his M. A. Degree from L. S. U. in 1947. Clayton is married and has one child. Rowan, an outstanding high school coach, is a graduate of Concord State College of West Virginia, and did graduate work at University of West Virginia.

Before coaching at Byrd High School, Rowan was head coach at Mullens (W. Va.) high school, where he produced two undefeated high school teams and one state championship. His Byrd team won the state championship in 1949 and was in the title play-off in 1953.

Rowan was in the U. S. Navy from 1941-1945 and is battalion commander of the Naval Reserve Surface Division in Shreveport.

Rowan is married to the former Mary Baucum of Haynesville, and they have three children.

Both Clayton and Rowan are members of the Kiwanis Club.

Approval Given for Million Dollar Revenue Bonds for 3 New Dormitories

Northwestern State College received final approval on a federal government housing loan on December 21 in the amount of \$1,073,000. The money will be used for the construction of three dormitories, two for the use of women and one for men.

U. S. Senator Allen J. Ellender wired President John S. Kyser apprising him of the fact that the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Washington has approved Northwestern's application to issue revenue bonds for the construction of the new facilities.

The State Board of Education authorized the College to make application for the loan in order to partially alleviate the housing shortage on the campus. The final approval of the application came as a kind of Christmas present to the College as notification of the approval came on the last working day prior to the holidays.

HOUSE 300 STUDENTS

The three new dormitories will furnish housing for 300 students on the campus. Each new dormitory will be constructed to house 100 students. The dormitories will be two stories high and of fire-proof brick construction. In addition to the facilities for 100 students, each dormitory will contain a house director's apartment, student lounge, recreation room, two-way communication system, dining facilities, and other modern facilities.

The new men's dormitory will be located just west of Caspari Hall (a men's housing unit), and will be joined to Caspari Hall by a student lounge which will be used by both units.

One of the dormitories for women will be built on the site presently occupied by the Home Economics Practice Cottage. The other will be built just off Sibley Drive extension near the site where the new Biology building is under construction.

Final plans for the structures are being rushed to completion to permit the beginning of construction at the earliest possible date.

Bradshaw Elected Vernon School Head

Curtis Bradshaw, A. B. '36, of Anacoco, was unanimously elected as Superintendent of Vernon Parish Schools, effective July 1.

The superintendent-elect has been principal of Anacoco High School for the past twenty years. He succeeds Superintendent T. L. Harvey, who is retiring on June 30, after having been active in the schools of Vernon Parish for 40 years. Harvey served as teacher and principal for 16 years and as superintendent for the past 24 years.

Bradshaw, a native of Vernon Parish, is a graduate of Anacoco High School. He received his A. B. Degree at Northwestern State College, and his M. A. Degree at Louisiana State University. He is a member of Vernon Parish Teachers' Association, Louisiana Teachers' Association, Louisiana Principals' Association, and National Education Association of Secondary Principals.

Elected to serve with Bradshaw is Russell Jackson, A. B. '45, of Simpson, who was named assistant superintendent.

First President of Alumni Ass'n Dies

Miss Bessie Virginia Russell, first president of the Alumni Association in 1894, the year the association was organized, passed away on December 25 at her home in Natchitoches.

A graduate of the Class of 1889, Miss Russell immediately began teaching in the training school and became a supervisor in the primary department, resigning about 1920. She was born on May 17, 1868, at Nacogdoches, Texas, the daughter of Major Evariste Russell and Sallie Esther Alexander Russell.

"Miss Bessie," as she was usually called, was closely identified with the civic and cultural life of the community for over fifty years. She served as president of the Alumni Association a second time in the year 1899.

Mr. and Miss Northwestern



For the first time this fall, the students of the college elected "Mr. Northwestern" and "Miss Northwestern." These two were selected from the student body at large on the basis of being active in college affairs and well known and well liked by their fellow students.

Receiving the title of "Mr. Northwestern" was Dick Brawn, senior health and physical education major from Converse. The title of "Miss Northwestern" went to Billie Sunshine Walker, senior business education major from Haynesville.

Both Brawn and Miss Walker are seniors and have been active in many student and college affairs. They are exceedingly popular with the student body, who selected them for their real value to the college and its activities.

The Lloyd A. Ponder family from Ringgold are pictured below. Mr. Ponder, B.S. '49, is director of the Bienville Trades School in Ringgold. He assumed the position at Ringgold when he was transferred from Sullivan Memorial Trade School in Bogalusa. Mrs. Ponder is the former Joyce Wiggins, '51, and they have two children, Ruth Anne, 3 years old, and Lloyd Lee, 17 months of age.

The Lloyd A. Ponder Family

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Here N' There

First Lieutenant Virginia Metcalf, B. S. '53, of 2220 Primrose Street, Beaumont, Texas, is being transferred from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C., to Tripler Army Hospital in Hawaii. Her mailing address will be: P. T. Clinic T. A. H., A. P. O. 438, San Francisco, California.

Lt. Metcalf, a graduate in Health and Physical Education, joined the Army and was sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for a nine-months physical therapy course. She was then sent to Walter Reed Medical Center for another training period of five months, after which she was assigned to Walter Reed for duty.

She was scheduled to leave San Francisco for her assignment at Tripler Army Hospital on January 11.

Lt. Metcalf has gained for herself quite a reputation at Walter Reed Medical Center as an outstanding woman athlete. She has participated in softball, basketball, volleyball, and golf. As a matter of fact, Lt. Metcalf has been a leader in athletics since her high school days in Shreveport.

In a note received this month, Lt. Metcalf said: "While on Christmas leave I visited Northwestern and noted many new buildings on the campus since my graduation in May '53; certainly shows progress."

"Have enjoyed the Alumni Col-

umns so much and know I will continue to do so, especially being so far away."

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Thomas Burton Boone, Jr., B. S. '51, of Homer, is now an instructor in electronics in guided missiles. He is located at Red Stone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. His mailing address is 125 Randolph Street, Huntsville, Alabama.

Boone went to Fort Bliss, Texas, shortly after graduation, and served with the U. S. Army.

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A recent letter from Virginia Downs Gibbens, B. S. '41, of 521 1/2 Merrick Street, Shreveport, states that she gave up teaching about two years ago and is now working as a secretary. She likes her new work but says it is not easy for a pianist to switch to a typewriter, even though it might look easy. She wrote to give us her present address, listed above, so that she would not miss any copies of the Alumni Columns. She said in part, "In spite of the fact that I never get around to saying so, I do enjoy receiving it . . ."

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Just received a nostalgic letter from Marjorie Myrick Earnest, who starts off like this: "When I used to tie bundle after bundle of Alumni Columns, I'm afraid I didn't realize how important they were to the addressees . . ." You see, Marjorie used to work in the Alumni office and helped to get the Alumni Columns in the mail.

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The W. D. Bush Family



The Willard D. Bush family, formerly of Many, are pictured at El Paso, Texas, where Mr. Bush is living since having served two years with the U. S. Army at Ft. Bliss. Mr. Bush, B. S. '54, went into service immediately after graduation. Incidentally, he has a new addition to the family but "it" looks cozy in mom's lap.

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Now, she is on the receiving end, when they catch up with her.

Marjorie, Mrs. Bobby M. Earnest, and her husband are now living at 4937 Cedar Hill Road, Ft. Worth, Texas. Mr. Earnest, B. S. '54, is employed as a Technical Analyst at Convair Aircraft. He served two years with the U. S. Army following his graduation at N. S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest have two little girls, Charlotte, three years old, and Jane, 21 months old.

Mrs. Earnest also told us about Robert Earl Justiss, B. S. '54, and his wife, Jenny Ingram, who are at 316 Handy Circle, Ft. Bliss, Texas. They have two boys, Robert Earl, Jr., age 4, and Gary William, 16 months old. Justiss is a First Lieutenant in the Regular Army.

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Herbert Joe Sudbury, B. S. '51, of Natchitoches, is employed by the Shell Oil Company as a member of the company's Delta production division, Westwego, La., according to a release from the Shell Oil Co., New Orleans.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Clark, B. A. '56, of Greenwood, announce the arrival of their second daughter, Berinda Dayle, on November 29. Berinda Dayle has a sister, Belinda Gayle, who was born while her father was in school at N. S. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Smith of Ashley, Illinois, announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Sovilla Janet, at the St. Francis Hospital, Monroe, on November 24. The mother is the former Julia Cash, B. S. '50, of West Monroe. Mr. Smith is employed by Hollywood Candy Co., of Centralia, Illinois. The proud parents moved to Ashley this month. Since Sovilla Janet is the first grandchild on each side of the family, the Smiths had better have a few extra rooms for the grandparents in case they just "dropped in" to see Sovilla.

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Mme. Alain Servettaz, 9. Cite Prenat Givors (Rhône), France, the former Michele Honneger, exchange student from Lyons, France, announces the arrival of a second son, Eric, to be a companion for the older son, Luc. Michele's husband is an engineer and they live about 12 miles from Lyon.

Demon Basketball Squad for 1956-1957



The Demon basketball squad is pictured above. Reading from left to right, bottom row: Dick Brown, Jimmie Leach, Bobby Wicker, Elvin McConn, William Stewart, Gil Searcy, Ronnie Lebo, and Pete Walpole.

Top row: Earl K. Long, Mickey Crnkovic, Bobby Howell, Laopy Longston, Larry Fontenot, Jimmie Atkins, and Don Ootley.

Of the above group, two, Brown and Longston, are seniors, while Lebo and Crnkovic are juniors. Howell, a junior college transfer, is also classified as junior. Sophomores include Leach, Wicker, Walpole, Fontenot, McCann and Ootley (a transfer from L. S. U.). Classified as freshmen are Atkins, Stewart, Long, and Searcy.

Demon Basketball Schedule Two-Thirds Completed

With nine games left on the regular schedule, the Demon basketball team now has a record of eight games won and ten lost for a percentage of .444.

Starting the season off rather slowly, the Demons lost the first three games of the season, two to Stephen F. Austin (66-70 and 49-59), and one to East Texas State (55-58). Returning to their home court for 5 games in seven days, the Demons put on a rally to defeat Centenary 71-64, and two nights later evened the series with East Texas State by dropping them 71-63.

The following two nights, the Demons fell before Southeastern Oklahoma State by scores of 53-66 and 67-78, then took Southwestern Louisiana Institute by a 70-53 onslaught for the first Gulf States Conference game.

Southern State of Arkansas next defeated the Demons at Magnolia, 63-74.

The Demons took part in the Louisiana Invitational Tournament at Shreveport during the holidays. Going into the tournament with a 3 won, 6 lost record, they were definitely underdogs and rated about seventh or eighth in an eight team tournament. The Demons met Hardin-Simmons of Abilene as their first opponent and, during the first half, put on a demonstration of how *not* to score points. With the half time score

reading 20-12 against them, the Demons came to life and defeated Hardin-Simmons 54-39. The win moved them into the bracket against Loyola. The Loyola-Northwestern game was the most tense and spine-tingling game of the tournament. The game was tied 13 times and the lead changed hands 27 times with Loyola coming out ahead 86-83. Incidentally, Loyola won the tournament.

Meeting Louisiana State University the following day for third place, the Demons put on a demonstration of fast and accurate shooting, bowling over L. S. U. 103-75. This score was the highest made by any team in the tournament.

Individual honors for scoring in one game went to Dick Brown with 32 points against L. S. U. with Jimmie Leach scoring 30 points to tie the high point man for the tournament. Brown was selected as a member of the tournament team.

Once the Demons started rolling, they won their next three games against North Texas State, Louisiana College, and Southern State of Arkansas by scores of 60-59, 87-85, and 96-74, respectively.

LOSE THREE CONFERENCE GAMES

After their brilliant winning streak, the Demons faltered near the end of their next three games against conference foes and were defeated by McNeese State 41-52, Louisiana Tech 43-56, and Northeast State 83-86. This gives them

a 1-3 Gulf States Conference record which is the lowest record, percentage wise, the Demons have made in several seasons.

Top scorer for the Demons has been their candidate for Little All-America honors, Dick Brown. Brown tied and went above the all-time scoring record of Claude "Jodie" Stoutamire (1,534 points), in the Louisiana College game. Since that time he has brought his total points to over 1,600. The rest of the season means that every time he scores a point he will be breaking his own record, the highest individual scoring record of any player on a Demon team up to the present time.

The remainder of the Demon schedule will be conference games with the exception of three games with Centenary, North Texas State, and Louisiana College.

Miller Named Chairman-Elect for District IV, AAC

Leroy S. Miller, N. S. C. Alumni Secretary, was chosen as Chairman elect for District IV of the American Alumni Council at their recent meeting at Texas A. & M. District IV consists of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas and is one of 9 districts in the American Council which covers the United States, Canada and Mexico.

He will take office next summer as chairman of District IV and as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Alumni Council for a two-year term.

Summerlin Jane Burnette



Summerlin Jane Burnette is the four-and-a-half-month-old daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Lawrence Burnette. She is pictured here in her stroller outside the Burnette apartment in Baumholder, Germany. The Burnettes expect to be back in the States in time to enter the summer session at N. S. C. this year. Mrs. Burnette is the former Helen Fletcher, ex '52, of Natchitoches.

Cupid's Doings

MISS PEGGY ANN SPINKS, of Alexandria, and DANIEL GLEN KENDRICK, of Jena, both former students at the College, were united in marriage at Trinity Methodist Church in Alexandria on December 9. Rev. Otis Wesley Spinks, father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony. The young couple will make their home in Baton Rouge and continue their studies at Louisiana State University.

Miss Anne Morgan Mundy, of Cedartown, Georgia, and ENSIGN CASS BOONE MOSS, B. S. '52, of Winnfield, were married at First Methodist Church at Cedartown on December 6. The young couple will make their home at Honolulu, Hawaii, where Ensign Moss is serving with the U. S. Navy at Pearl Harbor.

MISS O'DELL HOLLIMAN, senior student, of Varnado, and Dale E. Davis, of Lucas, Kansas, were united in marriage at Queensborough Baptist Church in Shreveport on December 21. After the bride completes her degree in the spring semester, the young couple will make their home in Shreveport.

MISS WYN-NELLE LEE, of Shreveport, and Harold Lee White, of Cairo, Illinois, were married on November 24. The newlyweds are

making their home in Natchitoches while the bride continues her studies at the College.

Miss Shirley Mary Babin, of Houma, and LOUIS MARION SMITH, B. S. '55, of Eros, were united in marriage on November 10. Mr. Smith has been living in Shreveport.

MISS PATSY ANN WORSHAM, of Tullos, and MARVIN R. CARTER, B. S. '49, of Shreveport, were married at the First Baptist Church in Shreveport on January 19. The bride is a senior nursing student at the College.

MISS CARLA MARIE TOLAR, senior student, of Natchitoches, and ROBERT LOWELL TATUM, B. S. '55, of Waterproof, were married at First Methodist Church of Natchitoches on December 21, with Rev. Earl Wiggins, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. The young couple will live in Marthaville where the groom is pastor of the First Methodist Church.

MISS CLARA ELLIS, former student, and Gene Alford, both of Hornbeck, were married October 19, with the Rev. Robert Graham officiating. The young couple will make their home in Westlake.

MISS BETTY JEAN MCCARTNEY, B. A. '56, of Bossier City, and Clyde C. Berry, of Stuttgart, Arkansas, were married at Hanna Baptist Church on December 22. They will live in Jonesboro, where Mr. Berry is football coach.

MISS MARY ELIZABETH MELDER, B. S. '57, of Glenmora, and Colbert Warren Murphey, of Alexandria, were married during the holiday season in Pineville. The

bride is teaching at Tioga High School.

MISS ALPHA LEAH GREMILLION, 3-year Nursing, '56, of Bunkie, and Dr. John Wess Spence of Winnfield, were married on November 17, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Bunkie. The newlyweds will make their home at 400 West Court Drive, Winnfield.

MISS CATHERINE MUSE, former student of Many, and WILLIAM EDWARD TIMON, JR., B. S. '49, of Lafayette, were married at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Many on November 22. The newlyweds will live in Lafayette, where Mr. Timon is a member of the faculty of Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

Miss Judith Jill Bailey, of La Grange, Illinois, and AUBREY THOMAS GRAY, B. S. '51, of Alexandria, were married at First Methodist Church of La Grange on June 30, 1956.

MISS CLAUDINE BOX, B. S. '53, of Shreveport, and Isadore L. Sonnier, of Baton Rouge, were married in Christ the King Chapel, Louisiana State University Campus, on August 4, 1956. Mr. Sonnier teaches at Nicholson Elementary School, and Claudine is with the I-H staff, Louisiana Agriculture Extension Service. The couple reside at Faculty Apartment M-3, on the LSU campus.

MISS JANICE AUSTIN BRUSER, student, of Shreveport, and Lt. Ellis Williams, U. S. A. F., of Memphis, Tenn., were married at England Air Force Base Chapel on November 3. They will reside at 111 East Davis St., Blytheville, Arkansas, where Lt. Williams is stationed.

Gibb, Sheila, and Mark Smith



Gibb, Sheila, and Mark are the three lovely children of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith of Sulphur. Gibb is seven, Sheila is three, and Mark is one. Mrs. Smith is the former Juanita Burt, who received her Bachelor's Degree in 1942.

Sharon Lynn Lee



Waiting for Santa is Sharon Lynn Lee, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lee, 510 Kirk Street, New Iberia. Mr. Lee, B.S. '54, has been employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Company since his release from the U. S. Army in April.

Incidentally, Sharon Lynn is a cousin to the Sibley twins pictured in the December Alumni Columns.

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